

Matthew 5:8-9

Application Questions

1. In the eight beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) Jesus describes the characteristics of the disciple of Christ. This is foundational to everything else in the Sermon on the Mount. What are the first five beatitudes?

2. In the sixth beatitude (v. 8), Jesus takes on the human heart, which is the center of our being. According to Jeremiah 17:9-10, what is our basic problem? What hope do we find in verse 10?

3. What did David pray in Psalm 139:23-24? Have you sincerely prayed this prayer and waited on the Lord for the inspection report? What did it say? What have you done with it?

4. The seventh beatitude commends peacemakers (v. 9). Why do you think peace is so important to God? Who is the troublemaker? (Read Genesis 3:1-5, Job 1:6-12, Ephesians 6:12, Revelation 12:10)

5. Peacemakers are called the sons of God, because they are like God's Son who came to reconcile us to God. What are your greatest challenges in being a peacemaker with the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)?